

## Mass Intentions



### MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024 *John 8:1-11*

*St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

8:30am Patricia Ayres  
12:10pm John Gibbons  
Salvacion Alba (1st Anniversary in Heaven)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 *Matthew 1:16, 18-21*

*St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30am St. Joseph  
Joseph Catinella (Living)  
12:10pm Mary Lynn DeVito

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 *John 8:31-42*

12:10pm Nicholas & Florence Stolfi  
Teresita Marcelino (14th Anniversary)  
7:30pm Private Intention

### THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024 *John 8:51-59*

8:30am Angelina & Eugene Apollo  
12:10pm Private Intention

### FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024 *John 10:31-42*

8:30am Eileen Knightly  
12:10pm Luis Lizana  
Alvaro Plaza

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 *John 11:45-56*

*St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*

8:30am Vincent Demeo  
Bertha Yolanda Perez  
5:00pm Katie Adinolfi  
Carmine Lauro  
Gene Mazzei

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 *Mark 14:1-15:47*

*Palm Sunday*

7:45am Anna & Michael Apollo (Living)  
Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary  
9:00am Renato Lim (2nd Anniversary in Heaven)  
Charles Galligan, Jr.  
Joan Dagostino  
Anthony Desiderioscioli  
Patricia Snyder  
11:00am Giuseppina & Luigi Tullo  
Mary Sinish  
Theresa Cappolino  
1:00pm Maria Del Carmen Mateo

## Next Sunday's Readings



### Readings for Palm Sunday

**1st Reading:** *Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16* Jesus is rendered due honor as He enters the city of David.

**Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24** The ancient poet prophetically describes the death of God's faithful one.

**2nd Reading:** *Philippians 2:6-11* St. Paul presents the Crucifixion as a cosmic event of submission and glory.

**Gospel:** *Mark 14:1-15:47* Mark presents good and bad examples of discipleship in his Passion account.

**FOCUS:** *Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

During his journey to Golgotha, Jesus goes from hailed hero to crucified criminal. He surrenders out of obedience to his Father and love for us. As followers of Jesus, we, too, can face loss and sacrifice. Jesus knows what it means to sacrifice out of love. We journey together through loss, never alone, but always united with Jesus.

### First Saturdays Devotion to Our Blessed Mother

All parishioners are welcome to join us in prayer to Our Blessed Mother on the first Saturday of every month, following the 8:30am Mass.

### Novena to the Miraculous Medal

Every Monday following the 8:30am Mass.

## Eucharistic Adoration



You are invited to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday following the 12:10pm Mass, until 6pm; and every Saturday from 7pm - 8pm.



## Presider Schedule



### Saturday, March 23, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Mike Lombardi

### Sunday, March 24, 2024

7:45 am Fr. Map

9:00 am Fr. David Regan

11:00 am Fr. David Regan

1:00 pm Fr. Roger Velasquez

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...Fr. David Regan

March 19 always falls within the 40 days of Lent, it is important to learn how to grow in devotion to St. Joseph during the Lenten season. St. Joseph is a great exemplar for us of Lenten virtues that we do well to ponder and emulate.

He **first** teaches us about the silence needed in Lent. The state of the desert is meant to be one of exterior and interior silence, when we remove ourselves from the distractions that crowd our lives with so much noise that we can't hear God and so much clutter that we can't see him. St. Joseph is a man of silence, who didn't speak a word in sacred Scripture. Silence is a form of asceticism. It's not so much an emptying but an active listening to the God who in silence speaks. In 2005, Pope Benedict stated that in a world like ours, which does not foster quiet and recollection, we all need to be "infected" with St. Joseph's silence so that we can hear God's voice.

**Second**, St. Joseph teaches us about the obedience Lent cultivates. On Palm Sunday, St. Paul tells us, "Have the same mindset that is in Christ Jesus, who ... humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, death on a Cross" (Philippians 2:5-8). Lent is about learning to obey as Christ obeyed. St. Joseph shows us the way. We see his prompt obedience in his response to God who spoke to him in dreams not to be afraid to receive Mary into his home, to arise and flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt, and to return with them to Galilee. It would have been easy for Joseph, even in a pre-Freudian age, to deconstruct these dreams according to the standard of his conscious desires. Each dream was asking him to do something life-changing. In each of these circumstances, however, Joseph obeyed immediately. He teaches us how to have Christ's obedient mindset.

**Third**, he was obedient precisely because he was faithful. He believed in what God was telling him through the angel and therefore did what God was commanding. Pope Benedict said in 09, "Throughout all of history, Joseph is the man who gives God the greatest display of trust, even in the face of such astonishing news." During this season in which we are called to repent and believe in the Gospel, Joseph is, like Abraham, a true father in faith who shows us what believing the Good News looks like.

**Fourth**, he shows us how to be a "just man" (Matthew 1:19). To be "just" means to be "righteous" or in right relationship with God, in short, to be holy. Lent is a season of training in holiness and Joseph shows us what holiness is. It's to "ad-just" ourselves to God's will, something that he constantly did and teaches us to do.

**Fifth**, he is a man of humility. Lent is a season in which we humble ourselves and learn "to walk humbly with [our] God" (Micah 6:8). Our penitence and penances are humble signs of our need for God and our almsgiving is meant to form us, like Christ, not to be served but to serve and give our life for others (Matthew 20:28). St. Joseph learned humility not only through putting himself totally at the service of God's plans for Jesus and Mary, but even in the way he exercised his leadership in the holy family. Joseph, not the Immaculate Virgin or the Word-made-flesh, would have, in accordance with Jewish tradition, led the prayers in the home in the morning, evening and on principal religious feasts. He would have been the one who trained the One through whom all things were made to be a carpenter. The lesser one was placed over the Greater. Such activity can only overwhelm one with humility.

**Sixth**, he is a man of chaste love. The devil's supreme temptation is to corrupt love, since we were created in the image of God who is love, and are called to love God with all we've got and others as Christ does. One cannot be holy without chastity, which helps to keep love pure. That's why St. Paul, as soon as he writes, "This is God's will for you, your sanctification," adds, "Therefore, avoid all unchastity" (1 Thessalonians 4:3). Holiness is the perfection of love; chastity keeps love unselfish. In a promiscuous and pornographic age, one that cannot understand Christ's celibacy, the chaste celibacy of priests and religious in his image, and the call to chaste continence for those outside of marriage and chaste love of those within, St. Joseph is a model and intercessor who shows our culture how to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

**Seventh**, he teaches us how to prepare well for death. On Ash Wednesday, we were reminded that we are dust and unto dust we shall return. As we prepare to enter liturgically into Christ's death, we are meant to prepare for our own, by losing our lives in order to save them (Matthew 16:25). St. Joseph is the patron saint of a happy death because, Christian piety has always believed, he died in Jesus' and Mary's arms, entrusting them to God the Father's providence and receiving from them prayers and comfort. He shows us not just how to die in their arms but to live in them, as they seek to accompany us, as they did him, through death into eternity.

St. Joseph, Our Companion of Lent... Pray for us.

# Holy Week Schedule



## **PALM SUNDAY, March 24, 2024**

Masses: **Saturday** - 5:00pm

**Sunday** - 7:45am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Spanish Masses: **Sunday** - 1:00pm

## **Monday, March 25, 2024**

**Reconciliation:** 2:00pm-4:00pm & 6:00pm-9:00pm

All Catholics are invited to come and be reconciled, that we might celebrate the Paschal Mystery with heart and mind renewed.



All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat all the Fridays of Lent.

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to observe the laws of fast on Good Friday. Fasting means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.

## **HOLY THURSDAY, March 28, 2024**

9:00am - Morning Prayer

8:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bi-Lingual)

## **GOOD FRIDAY, March 29, 2024**

9:00am - Morning Prayer

11:00am - Stations of the Cross with Procession (Spanish)

3:00pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7:00pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Spanish)

## **HOLY SATURDAY, March 30, 2024**

9:00am - Morning Prayer (with blessing of food)

8:00pm - Easter Vigil (Bi-Lingual)

The third day of the Triduum is filled with the wonder of the resurrection. The Easter Vigil is the high point of the liturgical year. The drama of the lighting of the new fire, the blessing of the Paschal candle and the Easter proclamation in the candlelit Church set the stage for the recounting of the story of salvation in the Scripture readings. "Alleluia" once again greets the Gospel, and following the homily, we celebrate baptism and the renewal of our baptismal promises. The Paschal Triduum officially concludes on Easter Sunday, but the wonder of the Easter Season extends for a full 50 days!

## **EASTER SUNDAY, March 31, 2024**

Masses: 7:45am, 9:00am, 11:00am,

1:00pm (Spanish Mass)





**Solemnity of St. Joseph**  
**Tuesday, March 19**  
**Patron of the Universal Church**

+Member of the Royal Line of David +Carpenter  
 +Husband to Mary +Foster Father of Jesus  
 +Patron Saint of the Dying +Terror of Demons

Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am & 12:10pm.  
 You are welcome to bring bread that you intend to eat at one  
 of your meals and it will be blessed at Mass.

*Non-perishable food items will be collected for the Food Pantry.*

# Reconciliation Monday 2024

## Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Experience the liberating grace of the  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance).  
 Confessions will be available in every  
 Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre  
 from 2-4 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.

To find a parish near you, visit: [www.drvc.org/maps](http://www.drvc.org/maps)



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*We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee. Because by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.*

YOU are invited to pray the **Stations of the Cross**  
as we walk with Jesus every Friday evening during Lent,  
**February 16—March 22; 7:00pm (English) 7:30pm (Spanish)**

The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection, and to experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.

## *Lent: A Time of Renewal & Grace*



### **The Lenten Journey**

*Lent is a time when, we, as Christians, prepare ourselves  
for Easter and draw closer to God.*

*How will you prepare yourself for your Lenten Journey?*

You're invited to pray the Rosary with fellow parishioners  
during the 2024 Lenten Season, via ZOOM.

**When:** EVERY MONDAY, beginning FEBRUARY 26th,  
ending March 25th (*note change in day/date*)  
**Time:** 7:30 PM  
**Where:** ZOOM platform  
**Meeting ID:** 966 179 5749  
**Passcode:** Rosary

**ROSARY CHANGED TO  
MONDAYS  
BEGINNING FEB. 26**

*See you on ZOOM!*



# **The Solemnity of Divine Mercy**

*Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> is the **Solemnity of Divine Mercy**. The parish of Holy Name of Mary cordially invites you to join us for an afternoon of Divine Mercy. It will be a beautiful time with the Lord, filled with **adoration**, **worship** and **contemplative music**. Selected excerpts from the Diary of St. Faustina will be read intermittently throughout the afternoon, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.*



*We cordially invite you to join us for an afternoon of quiet refuge and private prayer, as you deepen your faith and immerse yourself in the love and mercy of Jesus.*

***Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm***

at Holy Name of Mary Parish, 55 E. Jamaica Avenue, Valley Stream, New York 11580.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Rectory office at (516) 825-1450



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Proceeds will benefit Holy Name of Mary Church

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024**

**2:00pm—5:00pm (arrive 1:45pm)**

**MAPLE LANES (100 Maple Ave., RVC)**

**\$25.00 per person**

**5 bowlers per lane**

All are welcome! Families, friends & neighbors can participate!  
Cost includes shoes, pizza & soda (gluten-free pizza will also be available).  
50/50 Raffle (cash only). Deadline to reserve your spot: April 14th.

Please complete this form, include cash, or check made payable to SVDP-HNM Parish. Mail or drop off at the Rectory Office, 55 E. Jamaica Ave. or Parish Outreach Office at 65 E. Jamaica Ave. (10am-2pm).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENC. \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER of BOWLERS: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF BOWLERS FOR GLUTEN-FREE PIZZA: \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions, call Joe Gavin @ 516-978-1449.



**St. Ambrose Sansedoni (March 20).** At birth, St. Ambrose was very deformed and needed the care of a nurse. While in St. Mary Magdalene Church, the nurse reported that an unknown pilgrim said, *"Do not cover that child's face. He will one day be the glory of this city."* A few days later the child stretched out his deformed limbs saying the name *"Jesus"* and he was healed; all his deformities were gone. As a child, Ambrose prayed and meditated during the night and was drawn to reading the lives of the saints. At 17, he joined the Dominicans and was sent to study for the priesthood with St. Thomas Aquinas. As a priest he devoted himself to preaching and teaching. He became well known for his elegant preaching. He also became a peacemaker; restoring peace between Venice and Genoa and also between Florence and Pisa.

The Lenten Prayer & Reflection Series scheduled for Tuesday, March 19th, has been cancelled.

### VIRTUS TRAINING IN SPANISH

A VIRTUS class will be held on Friday, April 12, 2024, at 7:00 pm at the Holy Name of Mary Convent. If you are interested in signing up for this class (in Spanish), register online at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org). Any questions, please call Arely Mendoza-Cantos at 516-678-5800, x507.

### Financial Information



Weekly budget amount to meet parish expenses	\$13,882
Weekly offering of March 10, 2024	\$12,313
Faith Direct (average of weekly donation)	\$ 1,740
TOTAL of weekly offering & Faith Direct/Other	\$14,053
Surplus	\$ 171

*Thank you for your support of our parish.*



## HNM School Registration



Join in the Spirit at Holy Name of Mary School, an AdvancEd Accredited School. To register your child for Nursery (full day, age 3), Pre-K (full day, age 4), Kindergarten (full day, age 5) or Grade 1 through 8, contact our School Office to make an appointment at 516-825-4009, or visit [www.hnomschool.org](http://www.hnomschool.org) for registration materials and details. Before and after school care is available for all registered students. Follow Holy Name of Mary School on Instagram and Facebook @ hnomschoolvalleystream.

## Baptism Registration



Baptisms in English are scheduled on the second and fourth Sunday of every month at 3pm. Baptisms in Spanish are scheduled on the second Saturday of every month at 12 noon. Please call the Parish Office for available dates. Baby's birth certificate and signed sponsor forms from godparents are required.

## Remember In Prayer



### All Those Who Are Sick

*Father of Goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need...*

Annie Bottone, Angela Hope Conroy, Flo Facibene  
Anthony Ippolito, Declan Jurgens, Danny Larengeria  
Alice Lynch, Kevin Lynch, Joanne Menzies, Richard Menzies  
Ruth Ann Murray, Nial Pace, Jane Pope  
Eddie Pultorak, Francine Raimondi  
Vincent Raimondi, Mary Ryder  
Mary Lou Shannon, Mary Simek, Madge Vogric

(Names will remain on the sick list for **four weeks only**. If you would like to have the name listed again, please notify the Parish Office.)

### All Those Who Have Died

*Please remember in prayer the recently deceased, of our parish and for those who mourn their loss. We also remember all the souls in Purgatory.*

Lisa A. Meaney

## Message from SVdP



In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

**Pantry needs:** paper towels, toilet tissue, cereal, rice, beans, canned vegetables/fruit, pancake mix/syrup, oatmeal, coffee, tea, condiments, muffin/cake mix, Mac and cheese, instant or canned potatoes

**If you or someone you know needs assistance, call SVdP or Parish Outreach at 516-825-0177.**

## EM Schedule



**Saturday, March 23, 2024**

**5:00pm**

HOST} D. Panzarino, N. Panzarino

**Sunday, March 24, 2024**

**7:45am**

HOST} J. Peralta, M. Alexis

**9:00am**

HOST} D. Brown, M. Daley

**11:00am**

HOST} J. Kernizan, P. Raad

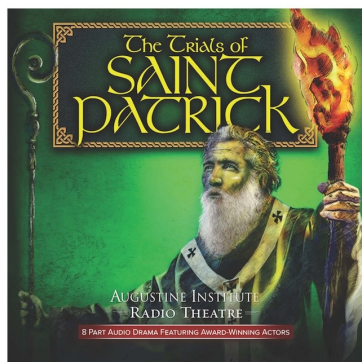


# Welcome to Our Church

If you and your family recently moved to Valley Stream and wish to become registered parishioners of Holy Name of Mary Church, (or maybe you attend Mass regularly and have never registered), please visit the Parish Office to fill out a short registration form. Using our envelope system is the only way to have all your donations recorded.

*Loose checks are not recorded, they must be placed in your registered parishioner envelope.*



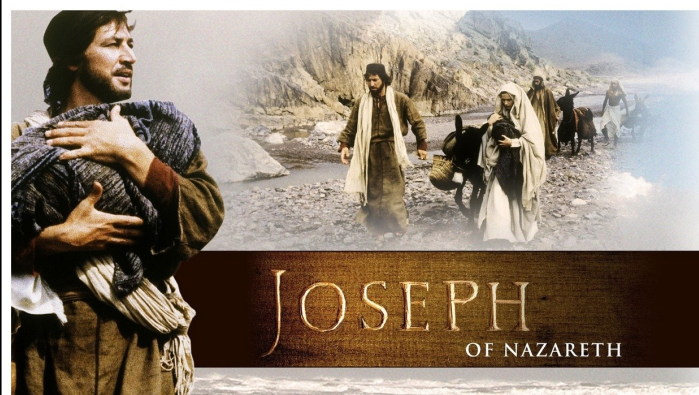

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## Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!

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## Parishes Praying for Priests United in Eucharistic Adoration



Parishes of the RVC Diocese are answering Our Lady's call to pray for our shepherds. All are invited to pray for our priests by name at a parish listed here, and also to help us spread this ministry.

Adoration & silent prayer will take place at our parish, Holy Name of Mary on...

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024**  
**HOLY NAME OF MARY, VALLEY STREAM**  
**2PM to 4PM ONLY**

Prayer participants are welcome to come and go at any of the following participating parishes:

**Curé of Ars, Merrick , 4:15-8:15 pm**  
**Holy Family, Hicksville, 6-8 pm**  
**Maria Regina, Seaford, Maria Regina Chapel, 4-8 pm**  
**Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport, 6-9 pm**  
**Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville, 5:30-8:30 pm**  
**St. Agnes Cathedral, RVC, Holy Cross Chapel, 5-9 pm**  
**St. Aidan, Williston Park, 6:15-8:15 pm**  
**St. Barnabas the Apostle, Bellmore, 5-7 pm**  
**St. Brigid, Westbury, 1-5 pm**  
**St. Christopher, Baldwin, 5-9 pm**  
**St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh, 12-2 pm**  
**St. Joachim, Cedarhurst, 3-5 pm**  
**St. Mary Church, Manhasset, 6:30-8:30 pm**  
**St. Mary of the Isle, Long Beach, 12-3:30 pm**  
**St. Peter of Alcantara, Pt Washington, 6-9 pm**  
**St. Rose of Lime, Massapequa, 5-9 pm**  
**St. Thomas the Apostle, West Hempstead, 5-7 pm**

# A Brief Examination of Conscience

## *Based on the Ten Commandments*

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### **I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.**

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

### **You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.**

Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

### **Remember to keep holy the LORD's Day.**

Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

### **Honor your father and your mother.**

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

### **You shall not kill.**

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

### **You shall not commit adultery.**

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

### **You shall not steal.**

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

### **You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

### **You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.**

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

### **You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.**

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

### **Christ's Two Commandments**

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments'" (Mt 22:37-40).

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8).

### **Act of Contrition**

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.







## Eucharistic Prayer Companion for the Lenten Season & Sacred Triduum

These Eucharistic Meditations are designed to help you spend 30 minutes to an hour in meditation and silent prayer with Jesus during Eucharistic adoration. Even if you cannot be physically present in a church or adoration chapel with the Blessed Sacrament, you can unite yourself spiritually to the Eucharist as you spend this time in prayer.

### Each Eucharistic Meditation will follow this format:

- ✚ Begin with the opening prayers, asking Jesus for the grace of that week. This prayer is intended to help us learn how to seek a gift from God in prayer.
- ✚ Pray with the Scripture passage provided. Be open to this encounter with Jesus.
  - ◆ Read that week's passage, usually from the Old Testament, 3–4 times slowly. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.
  - ◆ Sit with a series of reflection questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.
  - ◆ Read the next passage, usually from the Gospels, 3–4 times slowly. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you personally through this passage.
  - ◆ Spend time in silence with the Lord using the next reflection question. Allow him to speak to your heart in that silence. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.
- ✚ Pray the Closing Prayer, usually taken from the Collect for Mass.
- ✚ Reflect on the liturgical connection and Love in Action prompt each week.

**Thank you for praying with us as we seek to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord.**



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## Fifth Sunday of Lent: Following Where God Leads

**WORK OF MERCY:** Comfort the Sorrowful

**THE GRACE I SEEK:** to follow the Lord wherever he leads me

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

*Pause for a few moments, and allow yourself to become aware of Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Realize that, at this very moment, the Lord of Life is gazing upon you with great love. Allow yourself to receive his loving gaze. You are his beloved child. Rest in his loving gaze.*

*Thank Jesus for the gift of himself in the Eucharist.*

**ASK FOR THE GRACE:** Jesus, help me to follow you wherever you go.

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through this passage.

**"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." (Jeremiah 31:33)**

**REFLECTION QUESTION** — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

Today we hear the Lord promise us that he establishes a covenant with us. He promises to form our hearts and to be our God. In what areas of your life do you doubt his promise to be your God and to be present in your heart? Be specific and ask the Lord how he wants to be present in those places of your life.

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION** — Read slowly, 3–4 times. Again, allow the words of Scripture to wash over your mind and heart. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you through this passage.

**"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." (John 12:26)**

**REFLECTION QUESTION** — Allow yourself to sit with these questions for a while, being attentive to how the Lord is speaking in your heart.

Today we are given quite the challenge: if we serve Jesus, we **MUST** follow him wherever he leads! However, he also promises that the Father honors all who do this. Do you sense a place in your life where Jesus is trying to lead you, but you are afraid to follow because you don't have all the answers yet? Give this fear to the Lord, asking for his loving presence to comfort you and encourage you.

*Remain in silence with the Lord. Allow him to speak in the silence, in your heart. Receive his presence. If it helps, write down what you sense the Lord communicating to you during this time of prayer.*

**CLOSING PRAYER** — By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (Collect, Fifth Sunday of Lent)

**SUNDAY MASS CONNECTION** — At every Mass, Jesus offers himself to the Father for us. We can always join our own offerings with Jesus at Mass. This Sunday, offer your desire to whole-heartedly follow Jesus wherever he leads you.

**LOVE IN ACTION** — In the busyness of daily life, it can often be a challenge to look beyond our own struggles and difficulties to follow the Lord's command to care for others, especially when they are suffering. Is there someone in your life who is really struggling right now, perhaps with disappointment or grief? Ask the Lord how he wants you to comfort them, trusting that this will be part of following him more closely.